



# NEWS RELEASE

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **COUNTY RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK MARCH 25 - 31**

Los Angeles, CA (March 14, 2013) -- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors invites County residents to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual L.A. County Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week cultural and educational activities March 25 – 31. Residents may also join County employees in the food drive conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. In addition to cultural events, the County's employees will be volunteering their time in the community.

Residents are invited to donate food to the L.A. Regional Food Bank or participate in the Food Bank's virtual food drive. To participate in the food drive, residents can drop food items from March 25 through 29 at the L.A. Regional Food Bank at 1734 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Los Angeles. Drop off times are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information on the food drive, residents may call (323) 234-3030 x 194. Residents can also donate money to the L.A. Regional Food Bank's virtual food drive from March 18 through April 1. To donate, visit [www.lafoodbank.org/virtual-food-drive](http://www.lafoodbank.org/virtual-food-drive). For information on the virtual food drive, email [esalazar@lafoodbank.org](mailto:esalazar@lafoodbank.org) or call (323) 234-3030 x 174.

"Following Chavez's example of service to others, we established the County's Annual Cesar Chavez Community Service Week in 2002 to celebrate the legacy of this American Hero for his lifelong commitment to democracy, justice and service to others", said Supervisor Gloria Molina, who founded the annual program.

"I can think of no better way for us to honor Cesar Chavez's memory than to roll up our sleeves and go to work on behalf of our community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas. "He understood, better than many, that real leadership is committed and consistent service."

The legacy of Cesar Chavez is also showcased through educational materials that trace his life's work within the California labor movement to his distinction as one of the world's most respected civil rights advocates. For more information regarding Cesar Chavez community events, contact your local library or visit [www.colapublib.org/calendar/events](http://www.colapublib.org/calendar/events).

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARIES AND PARKS  
PARTICIPATING IN CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY  
March 25 – 29, 2013**

**Public Libraries**

Sunkist Library  
840 North Puente Avenue, La Puente  
(626) 960-2707  
Children's program on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 3:30pm

South El Monte Library  
1430 North Central Avenue, South El Monte  
(626) 443-4158  
Children's program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 10:30am

Carson Library  
151 East Carson Street, Carson  
(310) 830-0901  
Special edition story-time on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 6:30pm

Graham Library  
1900 E. Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 582-2903  
Family activity day on Thursday, March 29, 2013, 4:00pm

San Fernando Library  
217 N. Maclay Avenue, San Fernando  
(818) 365-6928  
Children's program on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 6:00pm  
Family program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 2:00pm - South American Adventure  
Program with Georgette Baker (a celebration of Hispanic culture)

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library  
9945 E. Flower Street, Bellflower  
(562) 925-5543  
Family program on Thursday, March 27, 2013, 6:00pm

La Cañada Flintridge Library  
4545 North Oakwood Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge  
(818) 790-3330  
Children's program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 3:00pm

San Gabriel Library  
500 South Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel  
(626) 287-0761  
Toddler story-time program on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:30am

**Check the County Library website for additional events:**

<http://www.colapublib.org/calendar/events>

**Parks and Recreation**

Obregon Park  
4021 East First Street, Los Angeles  
Cesar Chavez Arts and Crafts on March 27, 2013, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

City Terrance Park  
1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles  
Cesar Chavez Arts and Crafts on March 28, 2013, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Roosevelt Park  
7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles  
Bulletin board displays, arts and crafts, in the Senior Center, March 25-29, 2013, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also at Roosevelt  
After-school programs, arts and crafts, word puzzles, history of Cesar Chavez, March 25-29, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Everett Martin Park  
35548 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Littlerock  
Cesar Chavez Family Day in the Park "A Grand New Day" entertainment, family picnics, Folklorico, dancing, and piñatas, March 30, 2013, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Val Verde Park  
30300 West Arlington Road, Val Verde/Santa Clarita  
Cesar Chavez Celebration, March 27, 2013, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**NOTE TO MEDIA:**

For more information, contact (626) 350-4500 or visit [www.colapublib.org/chavez](http://www.colapublib.org/chavez)